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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, SU, KU
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: KUWAIT FUND DROPS BOYCOTT OBJECTIONS ON
SUDANESE PROJECT

REF: KHARTOUM 2117

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT KUWAIT FUND, AS CO-FINANCOR OF TRACTOR
PROCUREMENT FOR RAHAD AGRICULTURAL PROJECT, HAD REFUSED TO
APPROVE FORD AS TRACTOR SUPPLIER BECAUSE IT WAS BOYCOTTED. EMBASSY
IS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT FORD HAS NOW RECEIVED FIRM ORDER TO
SUPPLY EIGHT HIGH HORSEPOWER TRACTORS UNDER THIS TENDER WITH
FINANCING FROM KUWAIT FUND. FORD TRACTOR'S LOCAL AGENT INDICATED
THAT AFTER RECEIVING TELEX FROM KUWAIT FUND OBJECTING TO FORD
FOR BOYCOTT REASONS, RAHAD OFFICIALS CONTACTED SENIOR KUWAITI
OFFICIALS WHO DISMISSED IMPORTANCE OF BOYCOTT. IN FACT, KUWAIT
FUND IS PRESSING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FORD AS SUPPLIER ON SECOND
RAHAD TENDER FOR 200 TRACTORS BECAUSE FORD IS LOW BIDDER BY
SIGNIFICANT MARGIN.

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2. THIS IS FIRST EXAMPLE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WHERE EITHER
KUWAITI OR SAUDI FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE
THEIR OWN DOMESTIC BOYCOTT REGULATIONS VIS-A-VIS A THIRD
COUNTRY. IF KUWAIT FUND ACTION BECOMES PRECEDENT, WE BELIEVE
THAT ARAB BOYCOTT WILL NOT BE FACTOR IN US TRADE WITH SUDAN.
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